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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairmen and Executive Secretaries of All EIC Subcommittees

SUBJECT: EIC Program on Surveys of Priority Deficiencies of Collection (EIC-S-16/ Series)

REFERENCE: EIC Handbook, pages 33-35

1. In its program for developing means by which significant deficiencies in foreign economic information may be brought to the attention of the various collectors, CIA/ORR has developed a series of collection guides. These include:

a. ORR Collection Guides - which furnish guidance on critical priority subjects;

b. ORR Gaps in Information Statements (ORR/GI's) - covering subjects of priority interest; and

c. ORR Statements of Information Needs (SIN's) - furnishing collection and reporting guidance on subjects of continuing interest to ORR, without consideration of priority.

The program provides for periodic review in terms of revision, cancellation, change in priority, and general effectiveness of the various statements of priority information needs.

2. The ORR/GI's have been forwarded to the appropriate EIC Subcommittees for review and consideration as to their appropriateness for use as, or as a basis for preparing, Subcommittee Surveys of Priority Deficiencies in Collection (EIC-S-16/ Series) (see reference). Subcommittee action in this review has varied, but a number of ORR/GI's have been used by the Subcommittees, after review and updating, in preparing Priority Collection Deficiency Statements. Subcommittee comments have also been useful to CIA/ORR in their review and revision of the ORR/GI's.

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3. The identification of Priority Collection Deficiencies is a continuing Subcommittee function. In addition to the ORR/GI's -- already being forwarded for Subcommittee action -- copies of other pertinent ORR collection requirements, as appropriate, will be forwarded by the EIC Secretariat for Subcommittee distribution. Where appropriate, requirements appearing in any of these statements may be incorporated in Subcommittee Statements of Priority Collection Deficiencies.

4. It is suggested that each Secretary, immediately upon receipt of such collection requirements statements, forward them to the Subcommittee members and request their comments and suggestions within reasonable time limits. If the comments and/or suggestions indicate that the statements warrant further Subcommittee discussion, this will be arranged for at an early date. If further Subcommittee consideration is not indicated, the Secretary will so report to the EIC Secretariat, indicating that they were "noted" (or other appropriate phraseology) and transmit any comments and/or suggestions received.

5. If you have any questions, please contact the EIC Secretariat

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